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ANOTHER FAKE THREAT

While the shenanigans at the United Nations were grabbing all the headlines, certain other important events were lost in the back pages of the newspapers.

For instance, there is a glamorous new gal roaming around Washington -glamorous, that is, until you look under the make-up and discover she is just an oldfashioned gold-digger. Her name is Ida.

Ida stands for International Development Association. IDA is another foreign handout bureau. It will dig into

your pockets to make loans to so-called underdeveloped countries. The loans are called 'soft' loans - which simply means they are the kind of loans that cannot be made under any sound lending policy. Thus, another handout bureau is added to half a dozen or more others which, since the end of the Second World War, have scattered over 78 billion dollars of your money around the world.

The big excuse for Ida is that we are in a contest with Soviet Russia to win over

those backward or underdeveloped nations. The American taxpayer is supposed to be scared out of his boots by something called the 'Soviet economic threat.' The argument goes like this: Put up the dough to turn these backward countries into modern industrial giants; if you don't, the Reds will do it - and then control them.

According to Jameson G. Campaigne, editor of the Indianapolis *Star*, this is a phony bill of goods we have been sold. In his new book, AMERICAN MIGHT AND SOVIET MYTH, Mr. Campaigne makes a startling analysis of this fake threat from Communist Russia. We have been told that the communist nations

have promised loans and grants to the backward countries of about two and a half billion dollars. In the same time, we handed out 24 billions to many more countries. However, after Mr. Campaigne analyzed that two-and-a-half-billion 'threat' from the Red nations, it turned out, in actual dollars, to amount to only 400 million. And the Reds have actually delivered less than one-third of that amount.

In other words, as we remarked last week, the Reds are long on promises but short on performance. But their threats and promises come in mighty handy in forcing gullible Americans to spend themselves into bankruptcy.

SUBSIDIZING SOCIALISM

The truth about the matter is that the whole foreign handout program seems to be playing directly into the hands of the communists and their cohorts. The big villain, as is so often the case, is government - that is, the fact that the handouts are made by our government (with your money of course) not to foreign peoples and industries, but to foreign governments. Mr. Cam-

paigne points out, for example, that private American charitable organizations donate half a billion dollars every year to foreign countries. And American tourists spend more than two billion dollars a year abroad. This does not count the immense private investments in foreign lands. The point Mr. Campaigne makes is that if the entire foreign giveaway program of the government were stopped

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tomorrow, private American charities and tourists would still spend more money each year in foreign nations than Soviet Russia spends in four years.

But what happens when governments make handouts to other governments? Mr. Campaigne cites a number of examples, some of which we have reported previously, but they will bear repetition. If any excuse at all can be made for the foreign aid program, surely it would be with regard to the Latin American nations. But what happened, for instance, in Bolivia? Our government has given the Bolivian government more than 150 million dollars. The Bolivian government used it

to finance the nationalization of its tin mines. As everyone should know by now, nationalization means socialization, which of course plays right into the hands of the communists. Since the Bolivian government took over the tin mines, they lose about ten million dollars a year — and Uncle Sam, which means you, pays the deficit! Can you imagine how the men in the Kremlin must chuckle over the spectacle of the capitalist United States footing the bills for a socialist experiment in a Latin American country?

India is another nation to whose government we have been making big, fat handouts. But a distinguished Indian economist told Mr. Campaigne that the American foreign aid program is the means for financing 'the socialization and eventual communization of the entire country of India.'

Even the American State Department recently admitted, perhaps inadvertently, that private agencies and institutions can do a much better job of really helping backward nations than can the government. Africa, as you know, is the next big hole down which your tax dollars will be poured. But the State

Department says it is turning to private agencies for help in dispensing funds because, in the words of the news dispatch, 'they can act faster and more effectively than government agencies.' Of

course they can - and if they handled the whole job without government money or interference, they would be a great deal more careful about how, where and for what purpose the money is spent.

REAL PROGRESS

As for trying to drag these backward nations out of the jungle and into modern civilization overnight, it can't be done. The best way - the only sound way - for a country to advance into modern industrial society is through the operation of the free-enterprise system. There is no better example in the world of this fact than the United States. We were once just as backward as many other nations are today. But through the ingenuity and self-reliance of our people, acting under a free economy - and with no handouts from other governments - we grew into the world's most powerful nation. If we look around us, we can see the genius of this system still operating today.

For example, a new factory costing four million dollars is being built in a little town in New Jersey. It will be in full operation in two years and will provide many

jobs for people in the area. And it will be a brand new industry. The price of newsprint - the paper on which newspapers are printed - has been going up like everything else. So it occurred to the publisher and the engineer of a New Jersey newspaper that if newsprint could be used over again, the price could be reduced. But how can you print tomorrow's news on paper which is already filled with yesterday's news?

If this problem had been handed to a government, it would name commissions, committees and study groups. Endless reports would be made. Eventually, if they solved the problem, a big appropriation would be made to build a plant; the bureaucrats would all get their fingers into it and - if the plant ever got into operation - it would produce newsprint at twice what it cost before the government-boys went to work

on it. But under the operation of the free-enterprise economy, these two New Jersey men took a process for de-inking newsprint - wiping the ink from yesterday's paper so it can be used tomorrow - and solved the problem of doing the job on a commercial scale. When their new factory is in operation, they will

produce newsprint at ten dollars a ton less than it now costs.

This is the kind of enterprise and ingenuity which will bring progress to backward nations - not handouts at the expense of the taxpayers from the United States government.

- John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 10/9/60

Book Review EVERYBODY HAS PROBLEMS

THE LISTENER by Taylor Caldwell, 332 pages, Doubleday, New York, \$3.95.

There is no man and no woman who is free from problems. Few get through life without the encumbrance of at least one seemingly unsolvable personal problem. Many have a desperate need to talk about their problems with someone who has the patience to really listen. But there is no one among their families, or their friends, or even among their hired counselors who will listen to them as human beings and who will understand and share the agonies of their souls.

Yet - there is always The

Listener for those who will take their troubles to Him.

Using this as her basis or thesis, Taylor Caldwell has written an unusual, modern, religious novel.

In an unnamed American city a retired lawyer creates a small, chapel-like building in a garden setting. Over its door is this inscription: *The Man Who Listens*.

This chapel, or whatever you choose to call it, is open to the public 24 hours a day. The Listener is always there. To it come people of all kinds, many from far away. They come because some problem of life has grown to such proportions that they

cannot solve it alone or bear its burden. Many come with open skepticism, expecting some form of psychiatric hocus-pocus or other modern mumbo-jumbo. Few leave unsatisfied. The Man Who Listens helps them solve their problems. They leave with minds relieved and courage high.

Who is The Man Who Listens? Those who pass through John Godfrey's beautiful little white marble chapel never tell what they have seen or heard.

Taylor Caldwell's way of telling this story is much like the candid camera technique in vogue on TV, except that its purpose is not humorous. Of the many people who visit Godfrey's memorial to his wife, the author permits us to see and listen in on fifteen of them as they pass through the chapel's two rooms and bare their souls.

It is, of course, these people who make this a richly rewarding novel. There is no plot. There is no story of the usual kind. But as these troubled people - each with a problem that is preying on his mind - tell their stories to The Listener, there develops a surging tide of interest and emotion much like the dramatic build-up of the suspense novel.

Since the book is concerned with people and their problems of living with other people, the causes of these problems quite naturally come under scrutiny. The author, through her characters, finds much to criticize in modern living but obviously believes that each of us has the power to solve his own problems - with a little help from The Man Who Listens.

- *Cortland Gray Smith*

A DANGEROUS CONCEPTION

"Over the past two or three decades a dangerous conception has developed in the union labor movement, induced in large measure by the dictatorial element in union leadership. It is the idea that union members are the servants of their unions, while the original intent of labor unions was that they should be the servants of their members. When unions were first organized in these United States, they conformed to the pattern set by the Founding Fathers and the Constitution that they drew up for us.

"Labor unions abided by the principle - an original and

unique principle which America gave to the world - that the citizen is the master and the State is his servant. In line with this principle, the union member was the master of his union and the union leader was his servant.

"Union members have permitted this principle to go by the boards. They failed to exercise their rights -they permitted leaders to head their unions who consider those unions as agencies to advance their own selfish interests to the detriment of their constituents whom they are intended to serve."

- George Peck in the syndicated service *THE AMERICAN WAY*

IT IS TO LAUGH - MAYBE

The *Portageville (Mo.) REVIEW* thinks the American taxpayer is entitled to a laugh or two in return for the millions of dollars he is forced to spend each year on a growing segment of our population which makes a career out of living on welfare payments. The *REVIEW* therefore collects excerpts from welfarites' letters to the handout bureaus. The following are a few examples:

"In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.'

"I have no children as yet as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.'

"You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make any difference?"

Thank you, *Portageville REVIEW*, for the laugh. But what's

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the wife of a truck driver who works day and night doing on the welfare rolls?

REAPING THE BENEFITS

"Now that free enterprise and individual freedom in the U.S. have built up the greatest country the world has ever known, the 'liberals,' 'leftists,' 'socialists,' etc., are moving in to reap the benefits their 'isms' could never create."

— Brookville (Pa.) JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRAT

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